

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Investing in Wisconsin



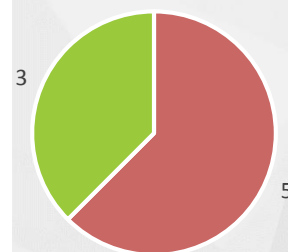
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Created by the 2014 Farm Bill, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven, locally-led approach to conservation. It offers new opportunities for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to harness innovation, welcome new partners to the conservation mission, and demonstrates the value and efficacy of voluntary, private lands conservation.

In 2017, NRCS is investing up to \$225 million in 88 projects that impact every state in the nation, including one in Wisconsin. Since 2014, NRCS has invested more than \$825 million in 286 high-impact projects, bringing together more than 2,000 conservation partners who have invested an additional \$1.4 billion. By 2018, NRCS and partners will have invested at least \$2.4 billion. These projects are leading to cleaner and more abundant water, better soil and air quality, enhance wildlife habitat, more resilient and productive agricultural lands and stronger rural economies.

Wisconsin Projects to Date

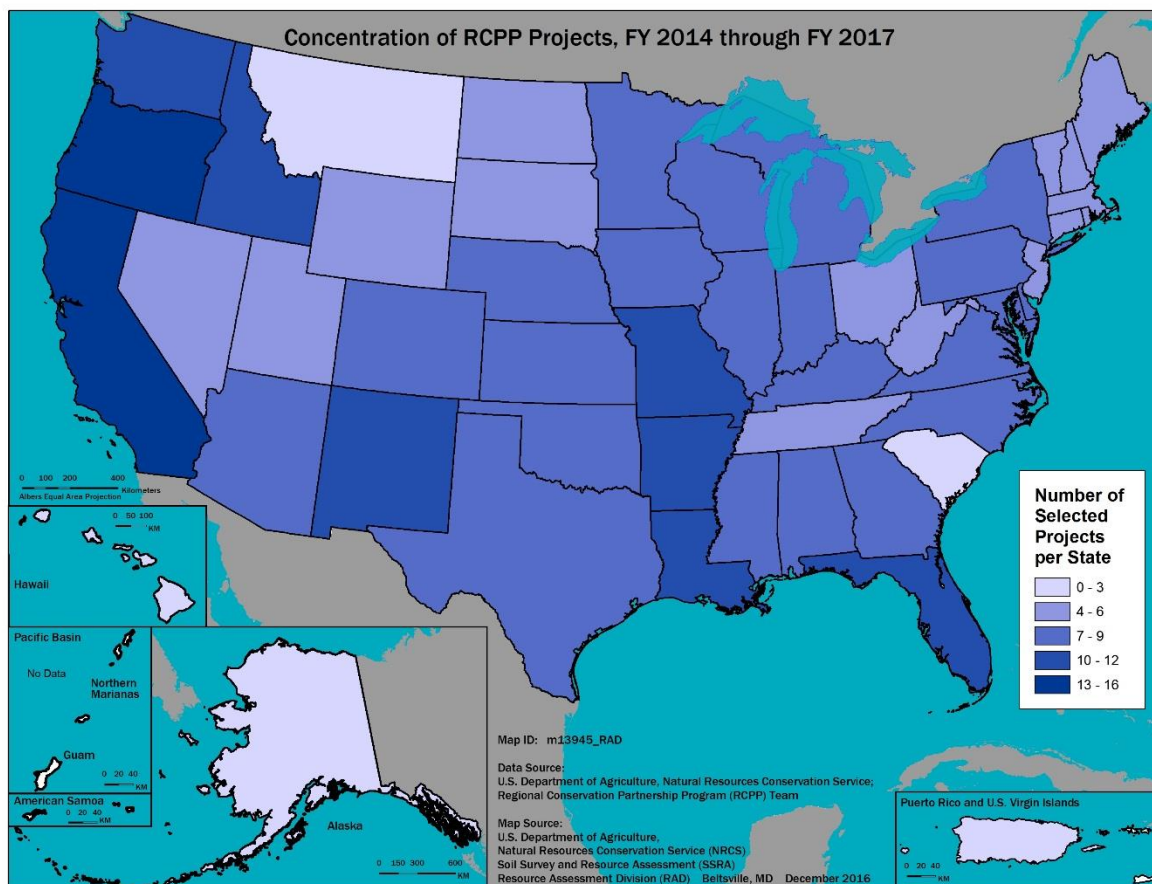
Projects by Resource Concern



8
Projects

\$19.4 million
NRCS Investment

150
Partners



Existing RCPP Projects

Year	Title	Funding Pool	Lead Partner	Number of Partners	NRCS Investment
2016	Driftless Area - Habitat for the Wild and Rare	National	Trout Unlimited	30	\$2.9 million
2016	Improving Working Lands for Monarch Butterflies	National	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	12	\$6 million
2016	Milwaukee River Watershed Conservation Partnership	State	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District	18	\$1.5 million
2014/2015	Reducing Total Phosphorus and Sediment Loads in the Yahara Watershed Through Wisconsin's Adaptive Management Option	CCA	Dane County land and Water Resources Department	6	\$1.6 million
2014/2015	Baraboo River Watershed	State	Sauk County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department	17	\$1.3 million
2014/2015	Oconomowoc River Watershed Water Quality	State	City of Oconomowoc	32	\$500,000
2014/2015	ABC: Improving Forest Health for Wildlife Resources in MN, WI, MI	National	American Bird Conservancy	25	\$5 million

2017 RCPP Projects

Lafayette County Agricultural Enterprise Area Water Quality Project

Proposed NRCS Investment: \$600,000 (State)

Lead Partner: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Number of Initial Partners: 10

Participating States: Wisconsin (Lead State)

Within the Pecatonica River watershed, there are many waterways identified on the Federal 303(d) list of impaired waters and sections of the watershed have been identified as priority areas for phosphorous and nitrogen reduction. The Lafayette County Agricultural Enterprise Area Water Quality Project aims to mobilize an existing informal network of landowners to address these water quality concerns through the widespread adoption and installation of conservation practices. The project's goal is to build a self-sustaining network of landowners and producers to take ownership over conservation activities in the watershed. Ten partners have committed to pooling their resources, more than doubling federal investment, to support and advance landowner efforts to reduce runoff of excess nutrients and sediment from agricultural land. This collaborative effort to increase conservation work on agricultural lands will address soil health and water quality while ensuring continued agricultural viability for future generations farmers.

